

REMARKS

Claims 1- 16 stand rejected. Claim 1 is herein amended. No new matter had been added.

The rejections shall be taken up in the order presented in the Office Action.

1. Claims 1-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C §112, second paragraph. As set forth in the specification on page 2, lines 10-24, and page 5, lines 1-3, the underwater sounds source resonates when the monopole driver excites the fluid column. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that one of skill in the art would understand the bounds of claims 1-16 when read in light of the specification. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the indefiniteness rejection be withdrawn.

2. Claims 4-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. As set forth in the specification on page 4, lines 17-19, spherical monopole drivers are well-known in the art. Attached hereto is printout from the homepage of the International Transducer Corporation, www.itc-transducers.com depicting a commercially available spherical monopole driver. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the non-enablement rejection be withdrawn.

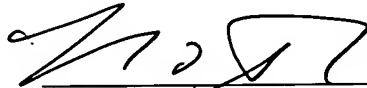
3. Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McMahon et al. ('470) in view of Piquette ('439, '741). Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 1 now recites an underwater sound source having a monopole driver suspended within the housing. It is respectfully submitted that the above references, either alone or in combination, fail to suggest the claimed underwater sound source.

5. The undersigned notes the additional prior art of record and agrees with the Examiner that this additional prior art neither anticipates nor renders obvious the claimed invention.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claim 1 by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

For all the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-16 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) An underwater sound source which comprises:

a housing having an inner and an outer surface, the housing being adapted to receive fluid therein to form a fluid column inside the housing; and

a monopole driver [positioned] suspended within the housing, the underwater sound source resonating when the monopole driver excites the fluid column.



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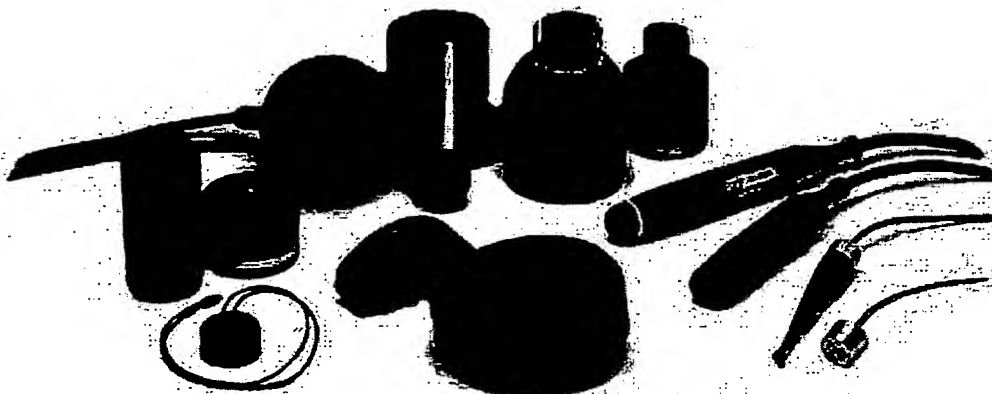
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Specifications (Nominal)

Resonance Frequency	16.5 kHz
Usable Frequency Range	(see graphs)
Beam Pattern (5.0 to 25.0	
Horizontal	omni
Vertical (over 270)	omni
Efficiency	
5.0 to 35.0 kHz	>50%
16.5 kHz	> 50%
Input Power (<10% D.C.)	2000W
Operating Depth (max)	2000 ft.
Cable	DSS-3 (10 ft.)
Weight (water)	~1.2 lbs.
Weight (air)	~2.5 lbs.



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